

REMARKS

Amended Claims

Claims 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18 are amended to correct inconsistencies within the dependent claims noted by the examiner via telephone on May 28, 2009.

Claim 4 is amended to require the addition of component (iv) to the fermentation liquor. This reference to component (iv) is sufficient to clearly express the intent of the claims. There is no reason to also include the addition of component (ii) as this is required in claim 1.

Claims 6, 7, 10 and 11 are amended to use "are" rather than "is" and change "coagulant" to "coagulants".

Claim 12 is amended to change "comprises" to "comprising".

Claim 17 is amended to read:

A process according to claim 1 in which the mechanical dewatering stage produces a liquid and the liquid produced from the mechanical dewatering stage is recycled and used as wash water.

Support for this amendment may be found in paragraph 4, page 3 of the specification and the original claim 17.

Claim 18 is amended to read:

A process according to claim 1 in which the cake solids are subjected to a drying stage to provide a dry solid material and in which the dry solid material is used as a solid fuel.

Support for this amendment may be found in the first full paragraph on page 5 of the specification and original claim 18.

No new matter has been added.

Statement by Applicant

Applicants submit that Application 10/523,301 and co-pending applications 10/587,583 and 20/587,582 were, at the time the invention of Application 10/587,301 was made, commonly owned.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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